GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6747
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2005
EXPENDITURE ON GOVERNMENT OF INDIA STATIONERY OFFICE
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the expenses incurred on monitoring the procurement wing of Government of India Stationary Office are commensurate with its workload;

(b) if not, the break-up of its budget allocation and the work performance during the last three years and thereafter;

(c) whether the Government proposes to abolish it or manage with the similar procurement agency with the Director General Supplies and Disposals under the Ministry of Commerce;

(d) whether the budgetary allocation to Government of India stationary office is based on their requirement; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD)

(a): No, Sir. Expenditure Reforms Commission has recommended for closing down of Government of India Stationery Office, Kolkata. However, this Ministry has not agreed with the said recommendation and the matter regarding continuation of the Organisation is being taken up with the Ministry of Finance. Until a final decision regarding closure/continuation is taken, adequate budget provisions are not being provided by the Government. At present a comparison regarding budget grant for procurement of material and supply viz-a-viz establishment expenditure cannot be made under the above circumstances.

(b): Budgetary allocation and expenditure during the last three years and thereafter are given in the Annexure.

(c): The subject of Printing and Stationery has been allocated to Ministry of Urban Development in the Government of India (Allocation of Business) Rules. The Government of India Stationery Office Kolkata procure stationery stores through open general tenders as well as through Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal Rate Contract. At present all items procured by Government of India Stationery Office are not available on Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal Rate Contract. Therefore, the question of managing the affairs of Government of India Stationery Office by a similar procurement agency with Directorate General of Supplies & Disposal does not arise.

(d)&(e): Budgetary allocation based on the requirement of Government of India Stationery Office is linked with Expenditure Reforms Commission`s recommendation regarding closing down of the Organisation and may be considered once a final decision regarding continuation or otherwise is taken.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF LOK SABHA USQ.NO. 6747 FOR 10.05.2005.

(Rs.in crore)

S. NO.	YEAR BUDGET Mate- rial & Supplies	ESTIMATES Establi -shment	Total	ACTUAL Mate- rial & Supplies	EXPENDITURE Establi -shment	Total
1.	2002-03 20.00	8.78	28.78	14.39	8.34	22.73
2.	2003-04 15.00	9.07	24.07	13.32	8.42	21.74
3.	2004-05 5.00	9.13	14.13	5.10	9.21	14.31

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